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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Chairman, Advisory Committee on Antarctic Names,  
 U.S. Board on Geographic Names

**FROM:** Chairman, NIS Committee

**SUBJECT:** NIS Gazetteer on Antarctica

**REFERENCE:** Memorandum Code 106-23, dated 14 September 1955  
 Subject: Antarctic Gazetteer Publication

1. The NIS Committee has carefully examined the recommendations made in the referenced memorandum with respect to the NIS Gazetteer on Antarctica. The Committee has also considered the views you expressed at the 28 September 1955 meeting with \_\_\_\_\_ of this Office.

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2. Based on the above considerations and the views and recommendations of interested Agencies, the NIS Committee has decided that the NIS Gazetteer on Antarctica will cover the area south of the Antarctic Convergence. Specifically, this includes the Continent of Antarctica, together with the islands rising out of the continental block, as well as the South Shetland Islands, South Orkney Islands, South Sandwich Islands, South Georgia, Peter I Island, Bouvet Island, Heard Island, and the McDonald Islands.

3. Further, the NIS Committee agrees that the explanatory material which accompanies each name, the "Statement of Policy Covering Geographical Names in Antarctica" and its application, and the "List of Expeditions" are desirable additions to this Gazetteer and should be included.

4. The NIS Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Advisory Committee on Antarctic Names of the BGN for the very real service it is rendering to this important project. In consequence, it is felt that the NIS Gazetteer will prove to be a much more valuable document on Antarctica.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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cc: Executive Secretary, BGN

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